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NOTIFICATION

Whereas the Governor considers it necessary to review the constitutional status of castes and communities of Sikkim in Historical, Cultural-Ecological and Political-Economic context to make appropriate recommendations and whereas, the Governor also considers it necessary to review the policies, plans and programmes in respect of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and other socially as well as economically backward communities and also review measures for improvement of quality of life of all sections of people of Sikkim in the light of the Sikkim Human Development Report 2001.

2. Now, therefore, the Governor is hereby pleased to constitute a Commission for Review of Constitutional Status of Castes, and Communities in Sikkim in Historical, Cultural-Ecological and Political-Economic context, to review the policies, plans and programmes in respect of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and other categories of population of the State, and to review the Sikkim Human Development Report 2001 with a view to recommend measures for improvement of the quality of life of all section of the population of Sikkim with the Chairman and Members as follows:-

(1) Prof. B.K. Roy Burman.	Chairman with the status and facilities of that of a Cabinet Minister.
(2) Deputy Resident Commissioner, Sikkim House, New Delhi.	Private Secretary (The job of the Private Secretary is to act as a Courier between the State Government and Prof. Roy Burman).
(3) Shri Hishey Lachungpa, Minister, Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare.	Member.
(4) Shri K.N. Rai, Minister, Rural Management & Development.	Member.
(5) Shri D.T. Lepcha, Minister, PWD Roads & Bridges.	Member.

(6)	Shri Sanjay Upadhyaya, Environmentalist.	Member with status and facilities of that of a Minister of State.
(7)	Prof. A.K. Danda, former Director, Anthropology Society of India.	Member with status and facilities of that of a Minister of State.
(8)	One Principal Secretary/Secretary.	Member and Secretary.

3. The terms of reference of the Commission shall be as under:-

(1) Review of constitutional status of castes and communities in Sikkim in historical, cultural-ecological and political-economic context and make appropriate recommendations;

(2) Review of the policies, plans and programmes in respect of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs and other categories of populations keeping in view:-

(a) Articulation of the different sectors of the state economy in the progressively interlinked economy of South, South East, East and Central Asia;
(b) UN Declaration World Charter on Nature 1982;
(c) UNESCO's Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity 2001;
(d) Constructional provisions on Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs;
(e) National Agenda on poverty alleviation;
(f) National and international instruments on human rights, particularly gender rights and rights of children and elderly section of the population;
(g) Federal character of Indian State; and
(h) Any other relevant document.

(3) Review of the Sikkim Human Development Report 2001 and recommend measures for improvement of the quality of life of all sections of the population of Sikkim.

4. With regard to the item 3(1) as above, the Commission shall give its recommendations within a period of two months and with regard to the item on the terms of reference of the Commission at serial number 3(2) and 3(3) at the end of one year.

5. The Commission will hold its office at New Delhi as well as at Gangtok as directed by the Chairman of the Commission from time to time. Principal Secretary/Secretary of the Commission shall be appointed separately by the State Government. Expenditure on monthly salary and on air travel, transport facility and board & lodging while on visit to Sikkim and back of the Chairman and Members with Minister of State status shall be borne by the State Government.

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